

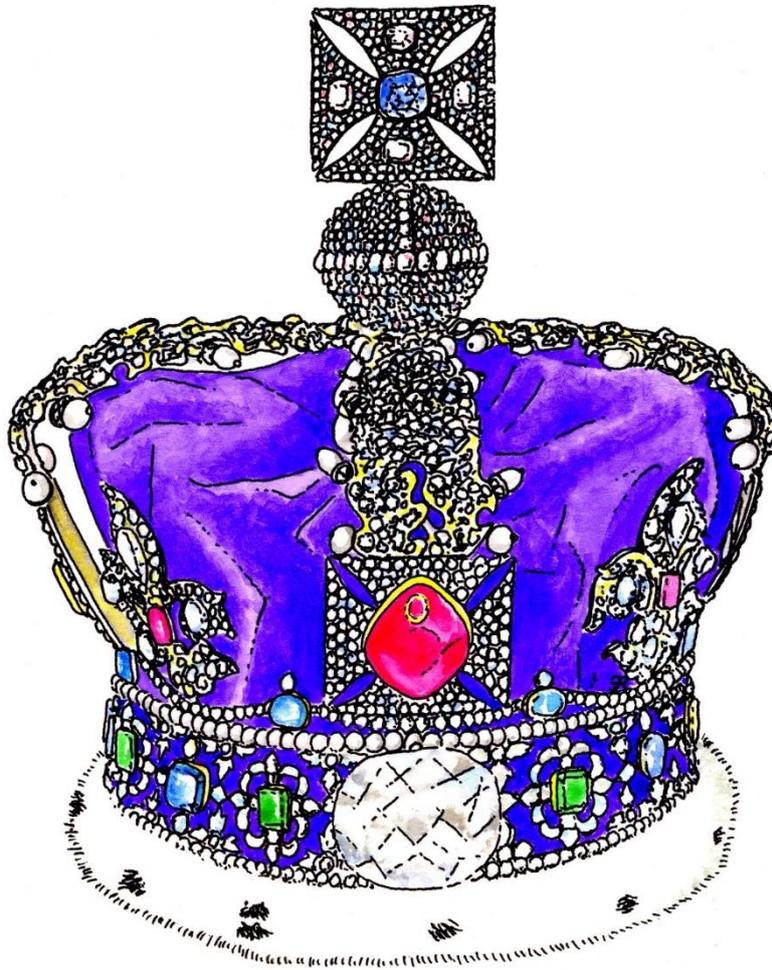
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MINISTERS LETTER

Time to say Goodbye

We went back to South Africa for a short holiday this summer and we had a really good time with my family there.

Unfortunately, I managed to catch Covid for the first time just before we went and it was touch and go as to whether I would be ok to travel, but thankfully I got my negative test on the morning of our flight.

Our holiday began by spending the weekend at my older brother's house. He had invited some old neighbours for lunch on the Saturday. I hadn't seen them in over 20 years, but it was as if we just picked up where we had left off! Then on Sunday we went to a family gathering for my dad's cousin's 80th Birthday party. There I saw second and third cousins that I hadn't seen for well over 35 years – and it was as if we just picked up where we left off once again.

Five days in a game park followed with my parents. That was quality time – my parents were supposed to come to the UK in 2020 but Covid put a stop to that and now they are both too frail to travel. The game park is one of our favourite places – you have to drive around searching for animals and it is purely the luck of the draw, and your skill at spotting shapes and colours in the bushveld, that makes a successful game drive. The roads have deteriorated since we were last there, but we were able to visit our favourite haunts. Five days was too brief, and it was time to bid the animals goodbye!

On the final Saturday of our holiday we had a pre-birthday party for my nephew and mum (celebrating 18 years and 80 years), and had the chance to catch up with more family who we last saw over 7 years ago. So, much of our holiday was spent catching up with family and friends – isn't it amazing how time might have passed but the relationships formed have lasted. I'm sure you too have friendships that are just the same.

Two days later it was time to say goodbye. That is never easy when you know that it might be the last time you see someone. I try to jump in the car and drive away as quickly as possible.

Relationships are at the very heart of our faith – at the heart of The Holy Trinity, our relationship with God and our relationships with one another. The opportunity to be together, to grow together and learn together in community is God's blessing to us. We need not be alone ever.

Saying goodbye to the Shelswell Benefice *has* to be easier than that! Especially since we are only moving down the road towards Milton Keynes... I will be licensed on the 26th October in the 5 Parishes Benefice which includes Mursley (where we will live), Swanbourne, Little Horwood, Drayton Parslow and Newton Longville. I will still be in the Diocese of Oxford, although back in Buckinghamshire Archdeaconry.

It has been a real privilege to serve my Curacy here in the Shelswell Benefice. Everyone has been very welcoming and I have learnt a lot from all of you and especially from Alice and the Ministry team. The pandemic put a slight spanner in the works, but there has still been so much to enjoy and get involved in. We have loved village life. I have loved being amongst the farms and watching the year progress through the real time visual aids of the sowing, growing and harvesting of the crops. Please do pray for us as we move and settle into our new home and community and especially for me as I grow into my new role. We will miss everyone very much, but hopefully we will have visitors to Mursley and you may well see me in Matilda's Coffee shop on a day off!

Rev'd Yvonne Mullins

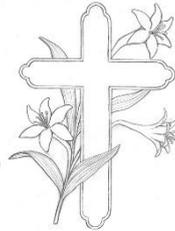


BIBLE READINGS



Sunday 2 nd October	16 th Sunday after Trinity	Habakkuk 1 v1-4 and 2 v1-4 2 Timothy 1 v1-14 Luke 17 v5-10
Sunday 9 th October	17 th Sunday after Trinity	2 Kings 5 v1-3 and 7-15c 2 Timothy 2 v8-15 Luke 17 v11-19
Sunday 16 th October	18 th Sunday after Trinity	Genesis 32 v22-31 2 Timothy 3 v14 – 4 v5 Luke 18 v1-8
Sunday 23 rd October	Last Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 14 v7-10 and 19-end 2 Timothy 4 v6-8 and 16-18 Luke 18 v9-14
Sunday 30 th October	All Saints Sunday	Daniel 7 v1-3 and 15-18 Ephesians 1 v11-end Luke 6 v20-31

SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE DEPARTED



Each year, near to All Saints' Day, we hold a special service to commemorate all those who have died, particularly those for whom we have taken funerals in the benefice over the last couple of years. This year the service will be on:

Sunday 30th October at 4pm in Fringford Church

We will shortly be issuing personal invitations to all the families we have met in the course of taking funerals in the past two years, but we would like, through the magazine, to take the opportunity to invite any others who have lost loved ones, however long ago, or who would like to attend for any other reason. It is a quiet reflective service, and will include the opportunity to light a candle to remember a loved one. Many people have said that they find the service helpful, and we hope that this year's service will again prove useful.

If you would like a loved one remembered by name in the service then please let any member of Ministry Team know.

The end of one era – the start of another

There is no doubt that the death of Queen Elizabeth II, following the longest reign in British history and the second longest anywhere in the world ever, is a milestone in the life of the nation. Many of us have been surprised by our reaction to hearing the news of her death on Thursday 8th September. Even for those of us who have not been privileged to have met her, we were just accustomed to having her there. We were used to seeing her on our tellys on Christmas Day, to her image being on coins and stamps and her title being on the side of cereal packets and jam jars. And then she was gone.

It has been striking that many people who would not describe themselves as monarchists have none the less been profoundly touched by her death, largely because of their perception of the person that she was – she hadn't expected to be Queen, and if it hadn't been for the abdication of her uncle, her life would no doubt have looked very different. But she understood her position as Queen as a God-given responsibility, and she devoted herself to fulfilling that calling with every part of herself and in good grace. People have commented on her dedication and service but also on her warm smile and her genuine interest in people. By any measure she was an extraordinary woman and it is not surprising that tributes to her have poured in from people across the world. May she rest in peace.

And now we enter a new era. We have a new King, Charles III, who has pledged to follow in his mother's footsteps, devoting himself to the service of his people. And although for many of us, we currently feel as if the familiar has been snatched away from us, leaving us a little disorientated and uncertain, this new page will bring with it new opportunities, new blessings. God save the King!



Alice



From the statement issued by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury:

As a faithful Christian disciple, and also Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she lived out her faith every day of her life. Her trust in God and profound love for God was foundational in how she led her life – hour by hour, day by day.

In The Late Queen's life, we saw what it means to receive the gift of life we have been given by God and – through patient, humble, selfless service – share it as a gift to others.

Her Late Majesty found great joy and fulfilment in the service of her people and her God, "whose service is perfect freedom" (BCP). For giving her whole life to us, and allowing her life of service to be an instrument of God's peace among us, we owe her a debt of gratitude beyond measure.

May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II rest in peace and rise in glory

From the statement issued by Bishop Steven, Bishop of Oxford

Her Majesty the Queen has been a cherished presence in all of our lives and for the whole of our lives. She has been our example and a rock for the nation and commonwealth. Her devoted service has given stability to the nation throughout this Elizabethan age. Her deep, personal Christian faith has been an inspiration to many, including me.

REGISTRY

This section will announce any baptisms, marriages and funerals that have recently taken place within the Shelswell benefice

Baptisms

Harrison James CURTIS and Elsie Eve CURTIS

Sunday 28th August 2022

St Peter's, Stoke Lyne



It was lovely to welcome Harrison, aged 2 ½, and his sister Elsie, aged just six months old, with all their friends and family, to Stoke Lyne Church on Sunday 28th August, where they were being christened as part of the morning service.

Although Harrison and Elsie and their parents James and Leanne, live in Brackley, the Curtis family's connection with Stoke Lyne goes back four generations. James' grandad Michael, who sadly died earlier this year, lived in Piccadilly Cottage, and his grandmother Jenny still lives there. And Leanne and James were married in the church. Leanne works for the Nationwide Building Society, although she is currently on maternity leave, and James works in IT for Volkswagen. Harrison's godparents are Pierce Coyne, Natalie Gabbitas and Amar Bering, and Elsie's godparents are Emma Bering, Imogen Zakaszewski and Matthew Walker-Roberts. Leanne and James

had chosen 'One more step along the world we go' as one of the hymns, and we also sang 'For the beauty of the earth', 'Sing hosanna', and 'Father, hear the prayer we offer'. Lots of the guests volunteered (or were volunteered) to help as we reflected on that day's reading from Luke's gospel about humility – they hung a label on themselves featuring a particular job: MP, refuse collector, teacher, and so on, and the rest of us tried to put them in order of importance. At the end of the day it was an impossible task, and we recognised that God loves everyone and welcomes one and all into his family. At the end of the service, we gave Harrison a children's Bible and Elsie a small book of prayers. They were also given a baptism candle each, which were presented by two long standing members of the church: Pat Cherry and Rena Andrews.

After the service, there was an opportunity to chat and to welcome Harrison and Elsie into the church over a cup of tea and a choice of rather delicious cake or scones and jam, before the christening party went off for further celebrations over a pub lunch.

We pray that Harrison and Elsie grow up learning more about God's wonderful love for them.

Marriages

Mark WRAY and Sarah WHITE

Friday 26th August 2022

St Michael and All Angels, Fringford

The Shelswell Choir were in place, the photographer had checked out the light levels, the church, bedecked with some beautiful flower arrangements, was full of Mark and Sarah's friends, but where was the bride? Eventually she arrived with her stepdad Ray Tomlinson, and the service could begin! Mark and Sarah met ten years ago through an online dating app. Sarah is a hair and make up artist and Mark is a policeman, and for the last few years they have lived in Pimlico Farm Cottages, Tusmore.



Mark had two best men, his son Matthew and his brother Lloyd who had travelled from Australia for the occasion. Sarah had two bridesmaids – her niece aged 12 yrs, Mark’s great niece aged 9 yrs – and a flower girl - her and Mark’s daughter Amber aged 4 years. They had chosen three hymns: ‘All things bright and beautiful’, ‘Give me joy in my heart’, and ‘Lord of all hopefulness’, and the choir sang ‘Blessing the marriage’ by John Bell. Their Bible reading was that hymn of love, 1 Corinthians 13.



When it came to finding the rings, the best men were at a loss – where were the rings? After a bit of a search, one of them left the church and came back in with a squirrel monkey (on a lead), having successfully found the rings. At the end of the service, two of the guests, Alistair and Chris, chimed the bells, and the monkey said ‘hello’ to lots of the guests and was happy to pose for the odd photo or two. After lots of photos, the guests went on for further celebrations in Aynho.

We pray that God will richly bless Mark, Sarah and Amber, and that their marriage will be filled with his love and joy.

Timothy CLARKE and Melissa BAILEY

Saturday 3rd September 2022

All Saints, Mixbury

See next month’s edition of the Shelswell News!

Obituaries

Margaret Ann HAWKINS

5th October 1946 – 15th August 2022

Margaret Ann Hawkins, generally known as Maggie, was born on 5th October 1946 in Leaffield, near Witney, part of a large family with one sister and four brothers. She attended Leaffield Primary School, then secondary school in Witney, before getting her first job at the Witney Blanket factory. After a good few years there, she moved on to being a home help, which she did for over 20 years. And then, rather to everyone’s surprise, she went on to Campsfield House in Kidlington where she worked as a detention officer. Maggie’s struggle with technology presented some problems there. On one occasion she was asked to send a fax – which she did, but it didn’t seem to have gone. So she sent it again. And again. Until eventually she received a phone call from the company telling her that they had now received the fax 36 times and could she please desist. As her health declined, Maggie was forced to take medical retirement aged 55 years of age.



Maggie never got on with technology. There were the frequent phone calls to say that the telly or the remote control wouldn’t work, or that the picture wasn’t right. And because she struggled to see the names on her phone, she would often end up phoning the wrong person – she would then ask them to contact whoever she actually wanted to speak to and tell them to phone her back. With her declining health, she was persuaded to get a pendant so that she could summon help if needs be, but this turned out to be a bit of a disaster for everyone -as she was always laying on it and making it go off by mistake. ‘At least we’ve tested it’ became a bit of a standing joke.

Maggie lived in George Street most of her adult life, where she brought up her three children Sheila, Carol and Phillip. And her ‘adopted’ son Terry, of course. It was a good place to grow up – there was a caravan in the garden which made a fabulous den, and a trampoline and a climbing frame which often fell over.

A favourite game was to climb through the skylight in the caravan, jump forward onto the trampoline and see who could go the furthest. All the children from the street were for ever coming round. The caravan game came to an end when a gypsy turned up one day with a sob story for Maggie about how they had nowhere to live and needed the caravan – and Maggie, who did have a sort side to her, was touched by this and gave it to them. Although she was just a bit angry when she was out the next day and saw them in a layby chopping it into pieces.

Maggie was a rebel and a party animal and enjoyed life to the full. She was a keen dominoes player, and played 5s and 3s in the Bicester league. And she had a lot of good friends, although sadly most of these died before her. She met Ian, her long term partner, when she was in her late 40ss in the Plough in Bicester and although they could never live in the same house, their relationship was very solid. Together they went on lots of holidays, spent a couple of weeks at a time in the time share in Spain, and went to Disneyland. Even after she became less able, Ian would go up to George Street to see her every day for tea and toast. He was threatened with having to pay sofa rent. Maggie also went every year with her sister Pauline down to Weymouth. Ian would drive them down there, and then go back at the end of the week to collect them. They would hire mobility scooters and tear up the town together. They would go down to Weymouth laden with everything bar the kitchen sink – including a fridge.

Maggie adored flowers and keeping her garden – it hit her hard when she could no longer do it. Her bed looked out on the concrete shed, and it was a frustration to Maggie that it blocked the view of her garden, but Sheila was adamant that the shed had to stay. Once Sheila had very sadly passed on, the shed found its days also were numbered.

Maggie's health began to decline in her 60s – she had a bad heart, which caused her an increasing struggle with walking and she would easily get out of breath. She used a mobility scooter to get in and out of town, in quite a dangerous fashion, it has to be said. But eventually even the effort of doing this wore her out. She was by nature a very independent woman, and having to rely on others to such a degree went against the grain. She was sort of accepting of carers being brought in, although she could be very bossy with them. New arrivals, whether her very excellent carers or family members would often be greeted with 'Take one for the team' as the latest recipient of Maggie's frustrations stepped out.

As she became bed bound, Maggie spent her time watching TV. She used to follow Eastenders and Emmerdale but got bored with them. So she tended to watch films – assuming she could find the right channel for them. She had her constant companion, William the teddy bear, with his own blanket. William was the Great Ormond Street bear, brought back as a present for Maggie after Ryan had spent a couple of weeks at Great Ormond Street, and woe betide anyone who failed to treat him with due care and respect! The recriminations that followed Carol's dogs got hold of William and taking him for a trip around the garden will live long in the memory.

It hit Maggie really hard when first Ian, and then the next day Sheila, were taken by Covid so quickly and without warning in April 2020. Sheila had always lived with Maggie and was seen by the wider family as her favourite. Maggie and Ian had been together for 27 years. Not only that, but in losing them she lost her two main carers. It was really hard on other family members, dealing with their own grief at the tragic loss of Ian and Sheila, having to try and hold it together in order to be able to support Maggie.

Maggie died on 15th August. Her funeral was on Wednesday 31st August at Banbury Crematorium, followed by a wake at The Littlebury in Bicester, where lots more memories of Maggie were exchanged. She was a larger than life character, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunty and friend. She will be very much missed by all, and our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.



John MERRY

5th March 1950 – 15th August 2022

Leonard John Merry was born on 5th March 1950 in Charlton-on-Otmoor, second child to Arthur and Violet Merry. He and his older sister Dulcie grew up in the village. John hated school with a passion, and always said that the best day of his school life was the day he left. But he had some good friends, notably Mickey North, with whom he got up to all sorts. When he was 10 years old, he started working on the farm, which he loved. He got to drive all the vehicles long before he had a licence. And every year he would have two piglets and fatten them up, one for market and one for the family. He enjoyed petting the pigs, but never let this put him off when it came to eating them. One day when quite young he threw a wooden toy at Dulcie. It missed Dulcie but hit the TV, smashing the screen. John covered it with a table cloth in the hope that his parents wouldn't notice. John often mentioned that he had never seen his dad so angry



He left school when he was 15 years old. He would like to have been a thatcher, but when he asked the thatcher to take him on, he refused on the grounds that John would then pinch all his customers. John had a few different jobs before going into the building trade. Apart from the first few years, he always worked for himself. In 1977, he started Acclaim Builders to become an incorporated business, and by 1986 this was achieved. And the business is still running now.

John married Ginny in 1975. They lived at home with his parents, then moved into a flat above Sambrook Carpets – apart from the first month this was rent free as John did all the building work for the shop. Later he bought 22 Newton Purcell, the old police house, very small and with a tin roof, and with much work turned it into the lovely home it is today.

Elaine came along in 1978, followed by Jill in 1981. John was a lovely dad – but strict. There were tight rules, for example, about what time they had to be in by, and the girls knew never to disobey. But they look back on a good childhood. John was always a very hard worker and worked all hours of day and night, but would always have Sunday afternoons off. The girls remember happy afternoons around the open fire playing card games. There were some great holidays – they went to America five times, twice in one year. Florida was a particular hit. John didn't like to be bored, so loved all the theme parks, and in between would be buying tools which somehow managed to fit in the luggage to bring home. And he was proud to travel to Jamaica for Elaine and David's wedding in order to give her away.

Christmas was always spent at home. His parents would always come and John would pick them up sometimes as early as 6am. The girls would come down Christmas morning eager to open their presents but John would always make them wait until 10am. Every Christmas day for about 4 years on the trot the outside drains blocked. John and Jill would venture down the garden to sort them out. From then on, he decided he would go and check the drains on Christmas Eve.

In September 2002 John and Ginny's marriage came to an end. The following May, Elaine, concerned that her dad was not going out, persuaded him to register on a local dating site. It has to be said that the information on his profile was fairly limited: 'I work for myself and I live with my two daughters'. But it was enough to catch Gail's interest, and they were soon together. In May 2004, they ran away to Gretna Green – well, they arranged it and then told the children, who also came along. Rather bizarrely, John and Gail took John's parents on honeymoon with them to their house in Spain. Nanny and Bampy were in the villa itself, and John and Gail in the flat underneath. 'If there's any problem', John said, 'knock on the floor with the broom and we'll be up'. A foolish offer to make maybe, as before long the hammering started. John and Gail rushed up to the villa only to be told 'we can't turn the TV off'.

John had a good sense of humour. He was good fun, kind and selfless. Every Sunday he would set off, mower in hand, to mow the lawn for Bidy, an old lady who lived in the village. For years he climbed the ladder in the

church to wind the clock and also cut the grass in front of the church. When Elaine and David bought their first house, which was a bit run down, he spent a lot of time helping them do it up. And after his mum had passed away, Arthur came to live with him and Gail for the ten years before he too died in 2019.

John handed the business over 7 years ago, and then started to do some part time work for Cherwell District Council making ramps for disabled and elderly people enabling them to enjoy their gardens and to get out and about. Needless to say, John would go above and beyond for people, for example, if he wasn't sure whether the council would pay, he would say that he would cover it. Lots of emails were sent to the council thanking him for his care.

John wasn't one for hobbies – he was happy just pottering around the yard and garden, and drinking tea. Lots of tea. John loved music, some favourites being Cliff Richard, Status Quo, Lionel Riche. He was often known to have the music blaring if a good song came on, singing along. He was a lovely granddad – although as with his own children he was rather strict – ‘you don't want me to tell Grampy to tell you off, do you!’ was a good way to bring unruly behaviour under control. John and Gail enjoyed lots of exotic holidays together. Highlights included standing at the bottom of the Great Wall of China, and taking a tuc tuc through the streets of Mumbai. And there were lots of cruises. And just a couple of years ago, they acquired a motorhome and enjoyed touring the UK.

John had had a heart attack when he was just 45 years old but made an excellent recovery from this. He remained in good health until his heart attack on 26th July – there had been no indications of anything being wrong. Indeed, he had been cutting hedges and loading vans that day. Sadly, he passed away on Monday 15th August. His funeral was held at St Michael and All Angels, Newton Purcell, on Friday 2nd September, and he was laid to rest in the churchyard next to his parents. A lovely kind and hardworking man he will be greatly missed by all who have known him, and our prayers are with Gail and the family at this time.

SHELWELL BY THE SEA

The next Benefice ‘Holiday at Home’ will take place on **3, 4, and 5 October**, and will be held in Stoke Lyne Church room.

Application Forms will be available in the churches or from Penny Wood. Do get in touch to book a place. (penelope.wood@btopenworld.com or 01869-277310)

PILGRIM PATHS



Bicester & Islip Deanery Pilgrim Paths group are planning another walk on Sunday 9th October at 2pm. It will start at Lower Heyford Church, call at Upper Heyford Church and finish back at Lower Heyford Church for tea and a short service. The walk is reasonably flat and is approximately 2 miles long. Do feel free to just turn up, but if you would like any further information then contact Diana Glover diana.glover@btinternet.com

Just Thoughts

On reading a book by American poet Kathleen Norris, I came across some interesting thoughts about the Creed in the Christian church. She states that some people just say the Creed as spoken in a church service as “just like a grocery list of beliefs that no-one has to comprehend and assent to fully before one dare to show one’s face in church”. Later she relates a person saying “If you don’t ascribe to all of that crap, you have no business there” – that is in church. This strikes me as thought coming from a strong American culture, but it made me think. What do I mean when I join with others to say the Creed? Do I believe in what I am saying? Kathleen Norris states that “Creeds are simple story telling. They relate the history of salvation as understood by Christians. That Jesus came, and died, and will come again.....” As I say the words of the Creed I am saying what I believe at that moment and hopefully forever. I am a member of a multitude of believers.

Pat Cherry

Club News

Coronavirus protective restrictions may apply and arrangements may be changed.

COME & JOIN US AT SEWCIAL



We enjoy any type of craft and a natter getting together to relax and enjoy each other’s company.

Some of us knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, sew or create craft albums.

**We get together once a month, either on a Wednesday evening
or Sunday afternoon.**

We meet in the Chinnery Room at Fringford Village Hall.

Our next sessions are

Wednesday 12th October at 7 – 9pm

Sunday 13th November at 3- 5pm

Sessions are £2.00

No need to book – just come and join us!

If you would like information, please email Melissa at mamcs100@gmail.com



SHELLOW WI

**If you're going to join, then join in - a warm welcome
awaits.**



Another fun evening was enjoyed by the intrigued members, when we were introduced to Burlesque dancing. Lauren, from Attitude Dance School, briefly explained the history of Burlesque, which I think for most members was something we knew little about. Lauren then gave us a demonstration of one dance, followed by everyone practising a few of the moves. Four brave members then got up, and with a pair of feathers each and in front of everyone, put the moves they had learnt into a routine. Well done to those four ladies - everyone certainly seemed to enjoy the whole experience.

Next month we meet at 7.30pm, on Thursday October 6th, in Fringford Village Hall, for a talk on Tudor Customs at Harvest Time with Martin Sirot-Smith. Although many of those customs will probably be recognisable today one cannot help but think if it was done by the Tudors there will be one or two surprises in store! Why not come along and find out. New members are always welcome, and it is rare that we do not see at least one new face at our meetings.

Some of the group met up in August for a walk around Gavray Meadows, near Langford Village, in Bicester. Although some of the land is going to have houses built on it, a significant area has been designated as 'protected' and local residents have been tasked with looking after it. The walk was interesting, with lots of evidence of its history, as well as the inevitable evidence that it needs protecting.

Our next walk, on Wednesday 21st September is slightly longer than some, starting at 10.00am outside the Co-op on Bucknell Road in Bicester, and leading up to Aldershot Farm.

The committee has been busy organising our programme up to and including May 2023, and we continue to try to ensure that Shelswell WI, reflects the ethos of the WI as a whole, by offering members the opportunity to discover and be involved in a wide range of activities. The Oxfordshire, and national bodies of the WI can offer even more variety: The monthly 'Oxfordshire Inspires', and bi-monthly 'WI Life' magazines provide a wide range of stimulating articles and ideas, for all members. There are many courses available online through the 'MY WI' website, which are very popular, and frequent trips and holidays organised for members. Shelswell WI also continues to organise its own varied programme of meetings, held on the first Thursday of each month in Fringford Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Coming Up:

October 6th – Tudor Customs at Harvest Time with Martin Sirot-Smith

November 3rd – History of Origami and Christmas activity with Peter Buchan-Symons

We continue to collect empty foil pill cases and plastic bottle tops for recycling and Pathfinders.

For more information on Shelswell WI, please contact the president Elaine Whittaker on 07917 453224



SHELLOWELL GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Club does not meet in August. Our September meeting takes place after the production of this edition so our report on Paul Green's talk on 'Dark and Mysterious' will feature in the next edition.

Looking to the months ahead, in October (11th) we welcome Gary Leaver from Avondale Nursery who will talk about 'Late Season Colour'. In November (8th), Corrine (our club secretary) will be looking into the world of soil. To end the year, our meeting on 13th December will be a social with refreshments plus a festive practical session.

We welcome visitors to our club that meets at Hethe Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month (apart from August). Meetings and outings are open to members and visitors, friends and relatives. Plants are for sale at most meetings and your membership card gives you a 10% discount at Preston Bissett Nursery. During winter months, some meetings may be held via Zoom. **Annual fee is only £10!**

For further information, call Sally Drummond Hay on 01280 848591 or Corrine Mitchell on 01869 247411 (corrinemitchell1966@gmail.com).

SHELLOW POETRY APPRECIATION GROUP

The theme of the poems chosen for discussion at our meeting on September 6th was Heat – an appropriate subject after such a hot summer. We began in the 17th century with *Verses upon the Burning of our House, July 10th 1666* by Anne Bradstreet. Her house was destroyed by fire two months before the Great Fire of London. The poem mixes devastating loss of the things and home she loved with a religious resignation which must have cost her a lot of soul-searching.

In *Fires on Llyn*, by Gillian Clarke, there are false fires, when the sunset reflected by farmhouse windows mimics a conflagration. Sylvia Plath, in *Fever 103^o* paints a picture of bodily heat engendered by illness and creates a nightmare world. Her husband and fellow poet Ted Hughes wrote *Sunstroke*, a powerful evocation of a dangerous summer hazard. His *Work and Play* contrasts the glorious summer life of the swallow, as it works hard to survive, with the torture of summer holidays for humans. The gloomy extract from T S Eliot's poem *The Wasteland (The Burial of the Dead)* leaves the reader with a dry throat, as do *Sleep in the Mojave Desert* (Plath), *Heat* by Hilda Doolittle, *Summer Heat* by Eugene Field, *The Heat* by Zoe Bogart and *Heat* by Archibald Lampman.

Other poems on the subject of Heat were, *The Harvest Moon* (Hughes); *Tadzekistan* (Clarke); *Fat Southern Men in Summer Suits* by Liam Rector; *Adlestrop* by Edward Thomas; *Shakespeare's Sonnet 18*; *The Whitsun Weddings* by Philip Larkin; *Miners* by Wilfred Owen; and, finally, the story of the Burning Fiery Furnace from the Book of Daniel in the jazz song *Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego*, a wonderful, bouncy lyric.

SHELLOW READING GROUP

The book chosen for discussion at the September meeting was *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelpy van Pelt. A 'magic realism' novel, it deals with the relationship formed by widow Tova, whose son vanished thirty years before, with the resident octopus, Marcellus, surely the most interesting and relatable octopus in literature! Besides solving the story behind Tova's son's disappearance, Marcellus is the centre of a growing relationship between human and sea creature. An unusual but engaging story.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 24th October in Cottisford. We will be reading *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak.

If you would like to join the group, please contact Jane Birnage on 01280 847455 or at janebirnage@icloud.com

FRINGFORD SCHOOL – GOVERNOR VACANCY

Would you like to be involved in the strategic planning for Fringford School and have some time to spare? The twelve member Governing Body is the accountable part of this successful school and we are seeking someone, ideally with no current links to the school, to add independence to its decision-making.

The Full Governing Body meets six times a year. In addition, other duties may include membership of the Resources Committee (dealing with Finance, Personnel and Premises) which meets three times together with undertaking monitoring visits to the school.

No experience of education is necessary but a willingness to undertake governance course would give you valuable insights into the role of a School Governor. Also, undertaking safeguarding training is a requirement and appointment will be dependent on a DBS check.

The role is very fulfilling and interesting and for further information, please contact the school on 01869 277397 or email office.3038@fringford.oxon.sch.uk

REPORTS FROM THE PARISHES

Cottisford and Juniper Hill St Mary the Virgin

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COTTISFORD AND JUNIPER HILL SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Picnic in the Field on Sunday 4th September was a most enjoyable event, and the warm sunshine was perfect for the children's games, organised by Brian and Sandra Bickmore. People brought their own picnic and the Social Committee provided free hot and cold soft drinks. The tombola stall was as popular as ever, whilst the Free Prize Quiz (on the year 1953- Coronation Year) had its greatest number of entrants ever. The £75 profits will help to offset the cost of the second bench, recently bought for the field by the Committee and much appreciated on the day.

The next social event will be a Pop-Up Pub Night from 8pm on Saturday 1st October at Manor Barn, the home of Jane and David Birnage in Cottisford. Bring your own alcoholic drinks, but nibbles and soft drinks will be provided by the Birnages.

Finmere St Michael and All Angels

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Village Hall

The village hall is now back open for use and bookings and many of the regular users have now resumed their scheduled events. We will shortly be posting a new set of pictures detailing the many improvements that been implemented during the renovation process

For enquiries, please visit www.myfinmere.com/villagehall



Everyone Welcome!




Finmere Harvest Festival

Sunday 23rd October

5pm church service followed by
Harvest Supper at 6 pm in Finmere Village Hall

Hot supper with 'bring and share' puds... (please bring your favourite pud)

Tickets £10 each or £25 for a family (children under 12)
Wine and soft drinks available for a small donation

Numbers limited. Please book by 16thth Oct.
Email Jo Brooks on brooks.joanne@btinternet.com or telephone 07974 740312

Offerings of food or money in aid of Bicester Food Bank

Allotments

The allotments are now a hive of activity with courgette, bean, onion and many other vegetable plants maturing. Allotment fees will shortly become due and at the current rate of £20 / year, represent very good value.

The Poor's Plot continues to have a small waiting list for allotment plots and there is always a possibility that a few plots may become available shortly, so any aspiring allotment users should visit

www.myfinmere.com/poorsplot



Need some local help

<http://www.shelswellparishes.info/documents/corona/communitynetworks.pdf>

Village facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/finmereandlittletingewick/>

Shelswell Parishes website at – www.shelswellparishes.info/finmere

Finmere Parish Council website at – www.finmerepc.org

Village hall news at – www.myfinmere.com

Finmere Primary School - www.finmere.oxon.sch.uk

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St Michael & All Angels, Services & Events

- Saturday 1st October – A Church clean up – inside – **all help welcomed**
- Sunday 2nd October – Harvest Festival at 10.45am
- Saturday 26th November – A Thanksgiving Meal in the Village Hall [*to be confirmed*]

Fringford Church 100 Club

The winners of the July draw were: 1st Robert Gue £55, 2nd Lyn White £34, 3rd Rosemary Saunders £22. You can still sign up to the 100 Club. Contact Christina McCullagh to register your interest **ASAP**, on 07867 515207. Draw takes place monthly at the Village Coffee Morning.

Penny Wood

SUPPORT DURING THE TIME OF CORONAVIRUS, AND AFTERWARDS

Support is always available from the **Fringford Friends, Neighbourhood Support Group**:

- Telephone: 07704 756840
- Email neighbourhoodsupport@fringford.info

To join Fringford's **What's App Group** ring or email Christine Underwood: 07961 972388 or It should be silvercb1@outlook.com

FRINGFORD VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING



For details of the next date, please contact Penny on 01869 277310 or penelope.wood@bopenworld.com

Regular Activities held in Fringford Village Hall

Details of regular activities taking place in Fringford Village Hall. To find out more or book a place, please contact the hirer direct.	
Weekly Activities	Monthly Activities
<p>FS Dance Monday & Wednesday (term time) After school classes BALLET • TAP • MODERN • STREET</p> <p>leah.fsd@gmail.com or 07885827592</p>	<p>Village Coffee Morning All ages welcome Third Monday in the month - Chinnery Room Drop in anytime between 10.30 am and noon</p> <p>Penny Wood 01869 277310</p>
<p>Puppy Stars Dog Training Tuesday evening – various classes</p> <p>Contact Nick 07542 131400 www.puppystars.co.uk</p>	<p>Parish Council Meeting All villagers welcome Third Monday in the month 7.45pm</p> <p>Contact 01844 237766 or fringford.parishclerk@gmail.com</p>
<p>Fringford Yoga Wednesday (term time) 9.30am – 11am</p> <p>Carolyn White 01869 277161</p>	<p>Darby & Joan Club Third Tuesday of the month March to June, Oct 2.30pm – 4.30pm</p> <p>Marian Golding 01869 278355</p>
<p>Just Puppies Puppy Training Wednesday evening – various classes</p> <p>Contact Kerri 07720 891489 www.justpuppies.training</p>	<p>Shelswell WI</p> <p>First Thursday of the month 7.30pm</p> <p>Contact Elaine Whittaker 07917 453224</p>
<p>Sound Bath Meditation Friday evening from 7.30pm</p> <p>contact@holisticaxis.com</p>	<p>Mindfulness Meditation Monthly Sunday 11am to 12.30pm</p> <p>janerainey17@gmail.com or 07971 008337</p>
<p>Village Hall Meeting Every 6 weeks – 7.30pm</p> <p>Open meetings – all welcome</p> <p>Contact Helen 01869 278260</p>	<p>Fringford Sewcial Sew and Chat!</p> <p>Alternate monthly Wednesday from 7pm & Sunday from 3pm</p> <p>Contact Melissa at mamcs100@gmail.com</p>
<p>To book the hall for your own event, please go to fringford.info, village hall, how to book Here you will find all the information you will need to book on-line. For any other queries please phone or text 07936 879175 or email: fringford.hall@gmail.com</p>	

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HARDWICK CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY

Visit

Hardwick Church

Open Daily: 10 am – 4 pm

Available for :

Private prayer and quiet contemplation

Viewing the architecture, memorials and stained-glass windows

Please make use of this special space

Hardwick Church New Guidebook

The new 2022 guidebook for Hardwick church and the parish of Hardwick with Tusmore is now available. This 44-page booklet has over 20 colour photos and provides a fascinating insights into the features and history of Hardwick church, the village and the Tusmore Estate. You can collect a copy from the church or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send one to you. We ask that you make a minimum donation of £5 to church funds.

Pilgrim Pathways

Why not walk the Hethe to Hardwick to Cottisford to Hethe “Pilgrim Pathway”. This is the first of what will be a network of walks between local religious sites being organised by the Bicester and Islip Deanery. This 4 mile circular route takes in the C of E churches of each of these villages as well as Holy Trinity, Hethe’s RC church. You can start and end your walk at any point on the route, which takes in some glorious North Oxfordshire countryside. Pick up a free brochure outlining the route from any of the three C of E churches or contact David Barnes (01869 277690), who can send one to you.

Hethe

St Edmund and St George

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If you have any news or a village event to publicise, please send the details to me, where possible with a photo, and if suitable I will add them to next month's news and include them on the village web site. The deadline for this publication is on Page 2.

Many thanks, Mike.

ST EDMUND & ST GEORGE CHURCH

Church Services and Events

The church is open every day for visits and private prayer.

A special service was held on 11th September to give thanksgiving for the harvest and for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The service was well attended, and we are thankful to the Revd Alice and John Alderdice for adapting the service at the last minute due to the Queen's death. The collection of £183 from the service was divided equally between the church and the project to support women's farming and the girls' primary school in Wulu, South Sudan. Thank you to everyone who contributed to decorating the church for harvest festival and donated vegetables and fruit, and thanks to Flora for the refreshments.



If you wish to contribute to the running costs of the church, please see the village web site, use one of the QR Codes below or contact hethepccsecretary@outlook.com.



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Ride & Stride 2022

Forteen Ride & Striders were welcomed to St Edmund & St George Church on Saturday 10th September.

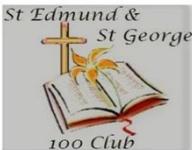
Hethe Community Coffee Morning in St Philip's Hall

Tuesday 11th October 10.00am to 12.00pm

*Friends, neighbours, dog walkers, pram pushers:
an opportunity to meet during the daytime – there's great
cake too!*



Church cleaning and flower rota. Many thanks to our volunteers: Mike for this month with flowers by Sandra, and Jenny for December. Anne Mansfield will be providing the flowers in November. If you are able to clean the church in November, please tell Pauline.



St Edmund & St George 100 Club

Results of the 43rd & 44th draws held
on Sunday 28th August 2022

July Draw	August Draw
1st Prize No 49 Ali Miller	1st Prize No 14 Hamish McCorquodale
2nd Prize No 22 Sandra Green	2nd Prize No 43 Philip Mansfield
3rd Prize No 30 John & Sue Schutz	3rd Prize No 27 Mary Morgan

Many thanks to our members
Hethe PCC

There are still plenty of 100 Club numbers if you wish to join! Please contact Mike or one of the other PCC members for an application form. The form and full details of the scheme are on the village website.

HETHE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The next **Parish Council** meeting will be held this month on Tuesday 25th October starting at 8.00pm and we would encourage anyone with an interest in what is happening in the village to attend.



Village Hall Bookings: Please contact the village hall booking secretary fjskinner@hotmail.co.uk.

Please note that the **Stay & Play Group** contact is Jess, email: jessicablamb@yahoo.co.uk.

Hethe Lending Library - A rich variety of fiction and non-fiction books, puzzles and CDs to browse and borrow, in St Edmund & St George Church.

Food for those in need – Available in the church.

Lost property – Box in the church porch.

Mixbury All Saints

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CHURCH SERVICES

Services will be on the third Sunday in the month at 9.15am.

MIXBURY CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 2022

	Harvest festival – everyone
October	Morag Westworth
November	Fi Bairstow
December	Carol Service and Christmas - everyone

MIXBURY CHURCH CLEANING ROTA (Revised 2022 – 2023)



Thank you to everyone who has agreed to go on this rota and to everyone who has cleaned and helped maintain the church throughout the past year – it is very much appreciated.

October	Emma Bray and Viv Williams
November	Alison Bailey, Pam Burrill and Jules Channon
December	Nicola Adams and Anna Howard

If anyone else would like to help with cleaning, we would be very grateful for extra volunteers. This would help to lighten the load on otherwise busy people. The job only requires a couple of hours simple cleaning in your allotted month, and if you can find a partner or join a group of two to make groups of three, it can be a pleasant way to involve yourself in the village and familiarise yourself with our beautiful church. For more information please contact - Julie Mitchell on 01280 – 847769.

MIXBURY POP UP PUB NIGHTS

The Mixbury Pop Up Pub has been a tradition in the village for many years now and is a lovely way to socialise and make friends. The hosts provide the venue, glasses and a few nibbles and the guests arrive with their own drinks.

If you are interested in hosting a pub night please contact Tanya – email: markandtanya@yahoo.co.uk.

BOOK OF CONDOLENCES FOR HM QUEEN ELIZABETH

A book for Condolences for HM Queen Elizabeth has been put in Mixbury Church for villagers to sign and flowers taken to Buckingham Palace by a Mixbury resident.



God Save The King

Congratulations to Melissa Bailey who was married Tim at Mixbury Church on 3rd September 2022, also good luck to all Mixbury Children/Young Adults starting out at new schools, Colleges and Universities.

MIXBURY FETE

The Fete was held this year at Mixbury Hall thanks to the generosity of Nigel and Gemma Harris – letting us use their beautiful garden, the setting was just perfect and the weather not too bad either! The Fete made a staggering £27,000 with a considerable amount being raised from the Auction of Promises! Not bad for such a small village, thanks to Nigel and Gemma for all the work they put into the advertising, organising and much more work behind the scenes.







OBITUARY FOR JOE ARIS
22/02/1939 – 03/07/2022
Kindly supplied by Joe's family



Joe was born in Mixbury, where he grew up with his mum, dad and younger brother David at No. 16. He attended the village school there before progressing to Rycotewood College to learn agricultural engineering. He joined the army aged 19yrs to complete his National Service, during which time he travelled to Germany and to his amazement, because he couldn't swim, represented them in their sailing team!

He continued his interest in engineering by getting a life-long job as a Field Service Engineer for Leverton working with Caterpillar machinery, which took him all over the country and also overseas to Nigeria and Malaga.

Whilst attending a local dance, Joe met Helen and they married on 31st August 1963. After a couple of house moves, they found themselves back in Mixbury with their daughters Alison and Deborah, and converted two cottages (Nos. 22 and 23) into the family home.

In 1978, Joe fulfilled his dream of living in a house "he could walk all the way round" and settled in Launton, raising his family and enjoying village life.

Joe's main passion was anything steam, particularly steam engines. He and Helen would stand for hours waiting to see one whizz past on the tracks or through a train station. He had a large collection of traction engines in his shed (amongst many other treasures!), which he proudly took to local steam shows at weekends, making many good friends along the way. They say men don't talk... just go to a steam show to prove that theory wrong!

Although Joe travelled abroad with work, he had no desire to leave the English countryside, but instead enjoyed holidaying in his caravan on quiet coastal sites, taking in the views whilst walking their dog, Nipper.

Joe was a quiet soul who loved nothing more than spending time with his family, which included the addition of his grandchildren, Rebecca and Jack. He enjoyed gardening, and always grew an abundance of vegetables and his favourite flowers, Dahlias. He also kept a fish pond which, although gave him much pleasure, also landed him with a battle with the local heron! He could generally be found at the bottom of their garden putting the world to rights with his neighbours, whilst the wives plied them with cups of tea!

Recently, Helen managed to get Joe to join the Over 60s Club, which he thoroughly enjoyed and made lots of new friends and even became a dab hand at bingo!

Although recently he suffered a short illness, generally Joe was fit and healthy and lived a long and fulfilling life. The amazing John Radcliffe doctors and nurses went above and beyond to make his last days as comfortable as possible. Our thanks go to them for their kindness and support.

Joe's cremation took place at Tackley Crematorium on 25th July. The family would like to thank the many friends and family members who attended, and also for the cards and continued generosity being received, which just shows how much Joe was loved by all who knew him.

A Just Giving page has been set up in Joe's name, with donations going to Buckinghamshire Railway Centre to help with the restoration of their flagship steam engine Metropolitan No. 1. Joe always said that if he won the lottery, he would donate to this cause, so we know he would have approved of this venture.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alison-Aris1>

TALK ON SWIFTS – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2022
Organised by Sally Drummond-Hay



Swifts have always been a feature in Mixbury and many of us enjoy sitting in our gardens with a glass of wine with swifts screaming round over us on a summer evening. Sadly in recent years their numbers have declined and are now classified as Endangered, but it is not too late to do something about it.

Chris Mason, a leading member of the Cherwell Swifts Project, came and gave a fascinating talk in Mixbury church about the life and habits of these much loved birds. Their decline is in part due to declining numbers of insects for them to feed on, climate events, but importantly lack of nesting places. They like to nest in holes under roofs but many nesting sites have been lost as roofs have been repaired or replaced.

Special swift nesting boxes are available, either specially designed bricks which can be incorporated into a wall or wooden boxes which can be put up on a wall. Siting is important, preferably above 4 meters, under eaves if possible and not in full sun. We were shown photographs of houses where one or two boxes were sited but also where a number of boxes were sited creating a colony. For further information about the boxes Chris recommended, which cost about £20.00 each, go to www.swift-conservation.org or email Chris at candomason@outlook.com. He would be happy to give talks in other villages if anyone would like to arrange them.

Mixbury Community Fund has indicated that they will contribute towards the cost of this project. I have a list of people who attended the lecture who would be interested in hosting a box or boxes, anyone else who is interested please contact me at sdhay1@btinternet.com so I can put a figure to them to see how much they are willing to contribute.

A note from Pat Beveridge recommending a book by Helen Macdonald 'Vespers Flights'. She was the author of 'H is for Hawk' which many of you will have read. She says 'swifts are magical in the manner of all things that exist just a little beyond understanding'. They are, let's all do our best to ensure we can enjoy them in Mixbury for many years to come.

Sally Drummond-Hay

SUMMER FLOWERS IN MIXBURY



A huge THANK YOU to the “watering teams” for maintaining all the beautiful flower displays around the entrances to the village and bus shelter – you certainly have brightened up the summer for us.

Newton Purcell St Michael and All Angels

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Services -

Sunday 2nd October - **Harvest Festival** - 11.30 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming all who are able to join us for this special service.

Harvest Lunch -

If you have not already reserved your tickets for the lunch which will follow the above service, please do so with out delay by contacting Ann von Maltzahn on 01280 848680 - ann_maltzahn@yahoo.com

Hall to Let -

Looking for a venue for a party or meeting? Please contact Jackie Le Fevre on 07544985117 - jackielefevre@btinternet.com

Dates for your Diary -

Autumn Churchyard Clear Up - Saturday 12th November - 10.00 a.m. All welcome and Bacon Butties provided!!

Christmas Concert - Friday 9th December. More details later.

Stoke Lyne St Peter's

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St Peter's Church Stoke Lyne Services

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Flower Duty for October

Janey Poole

Stoke Lyne 100 Club – September Results

1st Prize	Membership No 32	Kelly Holden White
2nd Prize	Membership No 10	Nick Barnes
3rd Prize	Membership No 51	Eddie

Congratulations everyone. Please spread the word or even acquire more membership numbers to your accounts. It would be great to increase the prize money to you all.

Regards

Janey Poole

Treasurer St Peter's Church PCC

Midweek communion and soup lunch – Thursday, 1st September, 12.00 noon

Yvonne led the Communion service assisted by Liz. This is always a short and very enlightening service and gives you something to think about as you go about your daily life. After communion we moved across to very nicely laid out tables for lunch. There was a choice of two soups and rolls with seconds if wished, which was followed by apple and blackberry crumble with cream or custard. The lunch is always prepared and cooked by the clergy. There was also water, tea or coffee to drink. This is a very informal service and everyone likes to chat and help where they can. For anyone who hasn't tried it, come along and give it a try.

Rena Andrews

Food for Thought – Sunday, 4th September

We enjoyed our usual shared breakfast and crossword to show our knowledge of the 12 disciples (who knew that Philip thought that it would cost too much to feed 5,000 people!). We talked about what a job description for a disciple might include and agreed that being empathetic, kind and honest were important traits, but that it would also be useful to have a pretty open calendar to be ready to do all the things which Jesus might have planned for them!

Our next service will be on Sunday 2nd October and will be a special service for pets and animals. St Francis is the Patron Saint of Animals and his Feast Day is traditionally celebrated on the 4th of October. Please bring your pets along at 10am for breakfast (some pet treats will be provided!) and a short, informal service.

Kelly Holden-White

Stoke Lyne W.I. – Thursday, 10th August

We don't have a meeting in August as we usually have an outing. This year, because we are getting fewer in numbers, and the cost of hiring a coach is too expensive, plus because of Covid restrictions, we haven't been able to do any fund-raising. It was decided to have lunch in one of the local pubs and the Bure Farm pub and restaurant was the chosen venue. There was a good menu to choose from and it was nice to see everyone chatting together.

Members were reminded about the September meeting on the 8th from 10.00 am till 3.00 pm. We are going to decide what items to make and what crafts to do for the Christmas Fair in December. Members were also reminded to bring a packed lunch and any materials which could be used for craft –ribbons, material, fir cones, and glitter spray were just a few ideas.

The members all agreed it was nice to go out for lunch.

Rena Andrews

Stoke Lyne W.I. – Thursday, 8th September

We met at 10.00 am and did some crafting and discussed ideas for items to make at home ready for having a stall at the Stoke Lyne Christmas Fair.

At 1.00 pm we stopped for lunch and did some business mainly keeping members up to date with forthcoming events and dates for their diaries.

As requested previously, members brought items for the Food Bank although many had already taken them directly to Sally, our member who volunteers there. The winner of the raffle was Anne. The competition for the Margaret Ackerman plate was won by Pauline who was presented with a beautiful yellow rose bush. It was a very informal meeting with plenty of chatter as we crafted.

Stoke Lyne W.I. meet on the second Thursday of the month at Hethe Village Hall at 1.00 pm. All visitors welcome. The October meeting will feature a talk “Memories of my time as Deputy Head teacher” by a friend of Judith's, and the competition is a school photograph.

Rena Andrews

Food Bank in Stoke Lyne



Inside the porch of St Peter's Church, you will soon find two boxes for Food Bank donations. One box will be for fresh produce and one for long life. You might have a surplus of vegetables from your allotment or veg patch, or just have picked up a few extra cans during a trip to the shop. Whatever the reason, if you have some food to share please use these boxes. Anyone who feels the need to use the Food Bank is very welcome to take what they need and left overs will be taken to Bicester Food Bank.

Please contact Kelly and James for more information. 01869 345211

A Look at the Memorial Bench in the Churchyard



I wonder how many people in the village know who the Gay and Eve Sheppard named on the plaque were? Like many residents in the village today I did not arrive here until after Eve's death so the couple were unknown to me. I even thought that "Gay" might be a female relative of Eve's but "Gay" in fact was the nickname for Graham Hugh Sheppard who is commemorated with Eva [the bench plaque says "Eve" but the headstone says "Eva"], his wife, and eldest son Timothy, on a gravestone to the south east of the churchyard.

Graham/Gay's birth was registered in the first quarter of 1913 in the Wantage registration district. He attended Eton between 1926 and 1931. His parents' home address at the time was Great Offley House, Hitchin, Herts. He married Eve/Eva in the third quarter of 1938, the marriage being registered in the Hitchin registration district. Eva's maiden name was Krøger-Larsen and she was born in Norway in 1917. On the 1939 register Eva was living at Great Offley House with Gay's widowed mother and is described as performing "unpaid domestic duties" (a term usually meaning a "housewife" – but there were also various live-in paid domestic staff at the address). Gay was not listed there. The 1939 register did not record members of the armed forces so perhaps Gay was already in the military as he served with distinction with the Hertfordshire Regiment in WW2, being awarded the "Military Cross" (MC) in 1945. His rank at the time was "Major (temporary)". His company was in action in Italy. The commendation (available as a free download from the National Archives) begins: "*This officer has commanded No. 2 Coy, 1st Bn. The Hertfordshire Regt, in action during the period from 22 Aug 44 until 15 Nov 44, with consistent gallantry and devotion to duty.*" Various details follow but it concludes: "*Throughout the whole period under review – a matter of nearly three months in action – Major SHEPPARD has been a source of great inspiration to his whole Coy. His ability to seize the initiative, and his own very great powers of determination, personal courage and fine enthusiasm have been a magnificent example and inspiration to the Bn as a whole.*"

After the war Gay carved out a career for himself in the world of horse racing. A search of his name on the British Newspaper Archive website brings up many newspaper stories mentioning him in his role as "Clerk of the Course" for several racecourses and in particular that at Stratford. A 1972 story states that he "*came into racing in 1949, when he was appointed Clerk of the Course at Taunton and Stratford. Before that he rode in a number of point-to-points and also had a few rides under rules. He became Clerk of the Course at Uttoxeter in 1952 and for a time, held a similar appointment at Devon and Exeter*".

He was responsible for many improvements at Stratford including a new dining and viewing block, and the introduction of a photo-finish camera in 1966 for which he took part in "The Race That Never Was" staged in front of an empty grandstand to test the camera, riding Lord Leigh's horse "Sword Fish". His own horses, "Legend Heir" and "Darter" also participated, his son, Sam, riding one, and a nephew the other.

In an interview in the Coventry Evening Telegraph in May 1967 he talked about the job. Here's an extract:

"Once a regular rider with the Bicester Hunt, Mr. Sheppard, who lives at Stoke Lyne, near Bicester, finds little time for his activity these days. He says that the paperwork required in running a race meeting is enormous, and he must always be thinking and planning months ahead.

Stratford, with its 11 meetings in a season, like so many other courses, often runs into weather problems. If there is one big headache for a clerk of the course, this is it."

His death was reported in the Coventry Evening Telegraph of 11th December 1973:

CLERK DIES

Gay Sheppard, director and Clerk of the Course at Stratford-on-Avon has died after a heart attack.

Mr. Sheppard, who was a 60, returned from a shooting holiday at the weekend and died in hospital on Sunday.

A brother of former senior handicapper Dan Sheppard, he was also Clerk of the Course at Uttoxeter and Worcester.

His home was near Bicester. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters.

After his death, his time at Stratford was commemorated by the inauguration of a race in his name:

Evening Post, 5th March 1975

Stratford commemorate their former popular Clerk of the Course Gay Sheppard with a hunter chase named after him – The Gay Sheppard Memorial Challenge Trophy Hunter Chase (3.45).

It was Gay Sheppard through his tireless efforts that boosted racing at Stratford to a high level and gave the course an international flavour by inter-changing with various racecourses in Europe.

I've been able to track Gay and Eva's domestic movements within the village from phone directory entries for "Sheppard, G. H." In 1950 his name appeared for the first time in Stoke Lyne, at the "Old Rectory", where he remained until 1962. (In 1948 and 1949 the address was Dormington Rectory in Herefordshire).

In 1963 he briefly appeared at "Baynards Gn fm", before being listed at "The Branch" from 1964 onwards.

Perhaps the family rented the farm while work was being done on "The Branch" prior to their moving in? Eva remained at "The Branch" for several years after Gay's death until she moved into "Well Cottage", where she was listed under her husband's name from 1978 onwards. She died at "Well Cottage" in 1994.

Three of Gay and Eva's offspring are still alive. Kari and Veronica live in Warwickshire, and their son, Sam, followed in his Father's footsteps and made a name for himself in the thoroughbred racing and breeding industry and lives in the Newmarket area.

(see <https://theownerbreeder.com/features/energetic-bold-faithful/>)

In researching this article, Rena put me in touch with Judith Allen, whose mother Margaret was Nanny to the Sheppards and, still only 21, moved with them to Stoke Lyne in 1950. The Sheppards treated Margaret as one of the family and when she married at St Peter's in 1954 the reception was held at the "Old Rectory".

Margaret and her husband and children lived for a number of years on "The Green" and in particular Judith remembers the Sheppards making her dreams come true by allowing her to keep a pony at "The Branch" when she was a girl.

So that is the story of Gay and Eva. No doubt there are other interesting histories to be discovered about some of the other people named on the gravestones in our churchyard.

Brenda Hazel (with thanks to Judith Allen for all her suggestions)

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Services: - Please see back page

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SHELLOWELL HISTORY FESTIVAL STRATTON AUDLEY VILLAGE INFORMATION

The Shelswell History Festival took as its theme Trade and Transport and the obvious route for investigating village information was the series of census forms from 1841 -1911 which are held in the Local History Society's records.

TRADES Focussing on the independent trades within the village itself (and omitting Rectors, Vicars, Publicans, etc - who largely came into the village from other areas) resulted in a list which is now on the Festival display which can be seen at the rear of the Church, opposite the main door. Whilst several trades are listed the most constant are those which relate to particular families. The Cherry family and their descendants were Blacksmiths in two locations in Cherry Street (which was named after them), originally where the Old Post Office is now located before later moving down to the bottom of Cherry Street, adjacent to the Stoke Lyne Road. The other prominent name concerned the Stevens family who - throughout all the census records - appear as Carpenters and, latterly (from 1871), are associated with the start of the Postal Services in the area.

One other notable feature is that, although Stratton Audley is not usually associated with lace-making, there is an exception in 1851 when 33 lacemakers are recorded in the village. It is moving to note that in that year there are "12 Paupers receiving Parish Relief" and frequently the lace-makers are located in the same properties. In 1861 only 7 are recorded.

TRANSPORT Clearly the subject "Transport" is dependent on the existence of a recognised map of the country's roads and the pertinence of this topic assumed significance for Stratton Audley due to a curious discovery. A large silk map was observed at Forde Abbey in Dorset, which shows the roads of England and Wales as they were identified in around 1690 (based on the strip maps devised by John Ogilby) and the curious fact that Stratton Audley appears on that map, amidst all the large towns and cities, was puzzling. Further investigation showed that "In 1686 the War Office in London commissioned a survey of the facilities for stabling and accommodation offered by inns and alehouses ..." and it is possible that Stratton Audley appeared on this larger map because of the existence of the Manor House which is believed to have been built in 1545. Hence a tenuous link to Transport.

The cartographer John Ogilby is interesting in his own right, having led an amazingly varied life, and is worthy of further investigation. He is credited with having "established the Statutory Mile of 1760 yards as the national unit of measurement" because previously there had been 3 different "miles" in use. In 1675 he published "Britannia" which showed the strip maps of the roads walked by his engineers as they measured the distances and the orientation of the roads, allowing subsequent national and local maps to be produced based on these strip maps.

The History Festival display with further information on these topics can be seen in Church until the end of October.

100 CLUB WINNERS

The Winners in the 100 club draw for the month of September 2022 are:

£30	Margaret Holmes (140)
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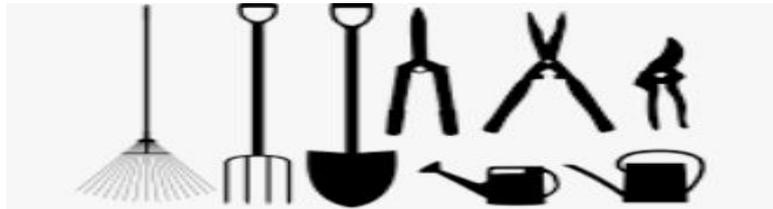
Ride + Stride 2022



Thank you to those who rode this year and visited churches in the local area. We had quite a few visiting cyclists to St Mary and St Edburga so next year, it is hoped Stratton Audley can outdo other villages! If you did not have time to donate, you can still do so at the next Sunday service as forms are inside the church on the right hand side.



Churchyard tidy up & mowing rotas



Thanks once again go to those who continue to volunteer to mow and tidy the churchyard, but we also need further volunteers to help this autumn to clear the walls of brambles so contact Anthony if you can help. Thank you to Jeremy Adams for arranging the mowing rotas and to Anthony for rounding up villages for the removal of unwanted ivy etc although we need help in removing what is cut down so the brown bin request below is essential reading.....!



Mr Edward and Mrs Ann Reynolds have been found! See below

The life of Edward Reynold has been uncovered by Jayne Todd in Fringford for which, many thanks Jayne as it is interesting to read about a life just under 200 years ago in the local area.

To remind, in July, a pair of graves were uncovered when it was thought there was only one next to thick ancient ivy. The graves from the late 1800's have carved lattice work with sprigs of wheat arching from the lattice.

Volunteers are still needed to sit and remove all the ivy around both graves and then the self-seeded elder which is making one grave lean. **Anyone?** We also need people who are willing to cut the ivy at the bottom of all the trees to prevent the strangulation of said trees.

Edward Reynolds 1828-1890

Birth in 1828: Edward was born on 25 March in Bicester. His father, William, was a wealthy farmer, aged 38 and his mother, Elizabeth Pearson, was 39.

1840s The Census of 1841 showed him at Age 13, was living with his parents Thomas and Elizabeth, and his siblings Sarah age 20, Elizabeth age 15 and Thomas age 10.

1845 - His mother Elizabeth died on 3 January 1845 aged 56 in Merton Grounds Farm, Merton.

1850s The Census of 1851 shows Edward aged 23, living at Merton Grounds Farm with his father who farmed 300 acres and employed 6 workers of whom three were agricultural laborers who lived with them. His mother had had one female servant. In 1855 Edward marries Ann Hyatt, 1806–1890, in St Ebbes, Oxford on 9 April. He was 27. She was a widow aged 40, her previous husband having died within 2 years of the marriage. Edward and Ann were childless.

1860s The Census of 1861 shows Edward's father, William 1790–1860, had died on 27 August 1860 at Merton Grounds, aged 70. Edward inherited the farm and was living there with wife, Ann. He was farming 316 acres employing 7 men, 3 boys and 'some women'. A dairymaid and 2 agricultural labourers are living in. By 1867 on 29 September, two of his servants, possibly agricultural labourers rather than indoor servants, Frederick Simmons and Elizabeth East, were charged with fighting and ended up in the magistrates' court in Oxford. A year later, Edward entertained all his employees and their families to a harvest feast of beef, plum pudding and good wines.

1870s The Census shows Edward in 1871 at the age of 43, continuing to live in Merton at Merton Grounds Farm, farming over 300 acres by employing 4 men and 4 boys outdoors and 2 indoor servants. Also in 1871, his sister Mary 1816–1871 died in Bedford, Bedfordshire, when Edward was still 43 years old. Later in the decade when Edward was aged 49 in 1878, his brother Edward's brother John 1823–1878 died, on 14 February 1878 in Bicester.

1880s The Census of 1881, show Edward at 53 years of age living at Merton Fields Farm (had this changed its name from Merton Grounds Farm?), Merton farming 490 acres and employing 9 men and 4 boys outdoors and 2 indoor servants. In 1882, Edward's sister Elizabeth Barrett 1825–1882 died on 18 February 1882 in Bicester. It appears a few years later in 1885, Edward had property in Middleton Road, Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire.

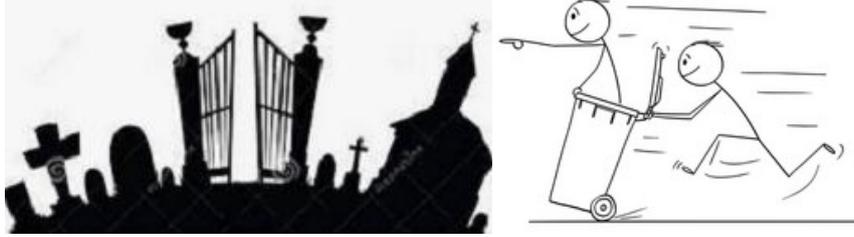
1890s In 1890, Edward's sister Sarah (1819-1890), died on 31 January 1890 in Cowley Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire when Edward was 61 years old.

Death Edward Reynolds died on 11 February 1890 in Stratton Audley, Oxfordshire, when he was 61 years old. He was buried on 15 February 1890 in Stratton Audley; his grave is the right hand one in the photograph which is leaning.

Thank you Jayne for all this information!

If you are up to join other volunteers several times a year with Churchyard maintenance, then please contact Anthony at flack.wine_train@btinternet.com.

Brown bins needed



There has been quite a continued clearance to date in the churchyard and there are still cuttings ready for disposal or for use on your fire. You are more than welcome to come along and take, for free, any pieces of wood or kindling that you want that is in the pile by the gate into the Hall's church paddock and to the right of the main gate inside the churchyard.

We also ask for the weekend and the Monday before the brown bins are collected, if you could bring any brown bins not quite full and then fill it full of churchyard cuttings. This request is only until we can clear out the brambles/pile of cuttings and it is our eco-friendly way of avoiding the use of cars driving back and forth to Ardley tip.



Flowers & Cleaning Rota



A monthly **big** thank you again to all the lovely ladies who regularly present fresh flowers in the Church and who also keep the building clean and tidy, particularly before and after the weddings. We know who you all are! They really are unsung heroines as we probably all take what they do for granted as no doubt people would say something if it was unkempt! If you want to help out flower arranging and cleaning, do contact Becky Adams at the Rectory office 01280 848192.



Harvest Festival Thank you



The Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving to celebrate the harvest and food grown on the land in the local area, as well as the rest of the country, was held at St Mary & St Edburga on Sunday 25th September 2022 with thanks for all those who donated by leaving tins and dry goods in the Church for the Bicester Food Bank.



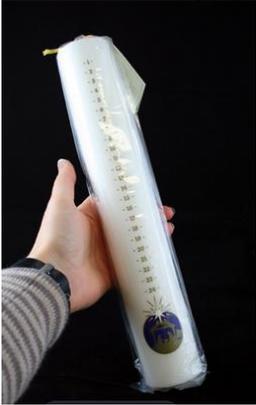
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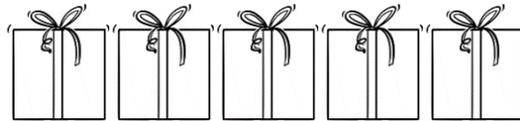
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There may be one or two more Christmas goodies to buy in November and December, so check the 'Shelswell News' Stratton Audley & Godington pages, then you can contact Sarah or Penny directly via email to order.



Vacancies

Assistant to Church Wardens volunteer would be appreciated to help Sarah & Penny out with a few tasks...

A Secretary to the Parochial Church Council for Stratton Audley & Godington is needed to take the minutes (notes, to you and me) of four meetings per annum. It is only four times a year so not really onerous and everyone will help if you have misheard anything!

Further villagers to sign up to the PCC and give their views and support on how their Village Church moves forward.

Villagers who would be willing to help submit grant funding applications to keep the Churches building in good order (repairs that crop up due to age...) particularly with the roof now and then deciding to demand attention. If 100 are applied for, one or two at least should be secured..... Look at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/churchcare-grants/grants-fabric-repairs> as an example of what needs to be applied to and for.

Anyone willing to assist with some filming fund raising projects where just time at a computer/telephone is needed in the first instance and to be available on the day if the filming project is successful – you may have an advert for any product (within reason) or one of Downton's distant cousins of Maggie Smith's character visiting their local church with pretending it is in the South of France...

And finally, Everyone.... We are looking for people who would volunteer to run just **one event** annually so it wouldn't take over your life all year! It could be helping with one of the certain key services in the year such as Easter, or Remembrance Sunday, or the Carol Service and Christmas, sorting out fundraising ordering or for the community by running a fundraising sit-down dinner or concerts, or a knitting/crochet club, or a quarterly cinema club or anything you would enjoy organising in the village for any age group.

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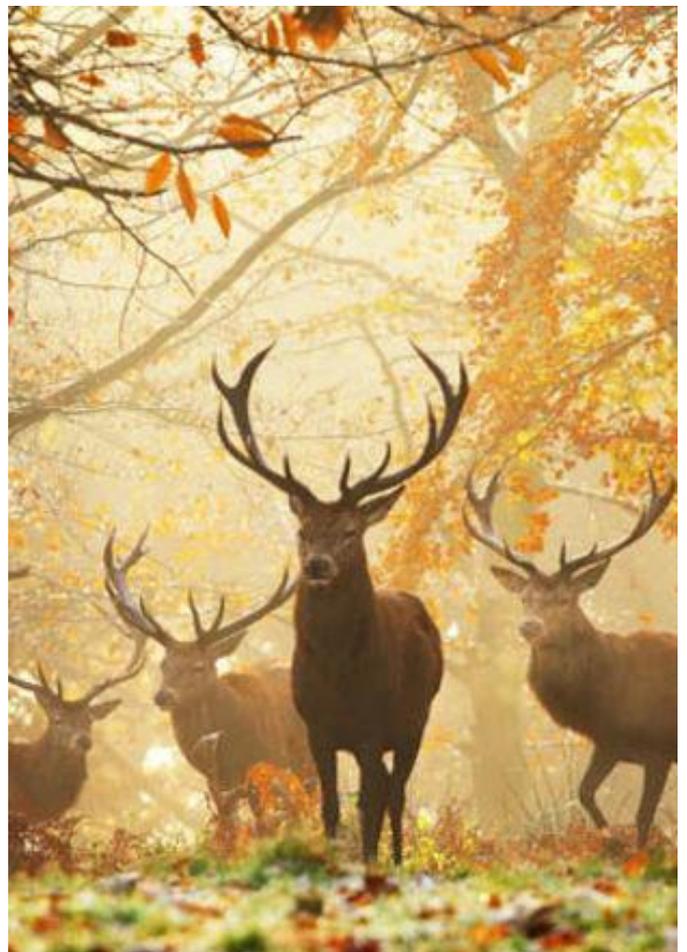
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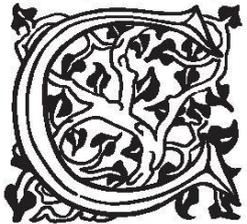
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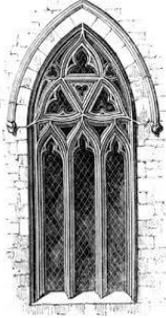
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| DATE                                                                                                                                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity                                                                                                                                                                                               | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October (12 noon)<br>Midweek Holy Communion and Lunch<br>STOKE LYNE | 9 <sup>th</sup> October<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity                                                                                                                        | 16 <sup>th</sup> October<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity                                                            | 23 <sup>rd</sup> October<br>Last Sunday after Trinity                                                                                                                                                            | 30 <sup>th</sup> October<br>All Souls Sunday                                                                                                           |
| ALTAR                                                                                                                                                    | Green                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                              | Green                                                                                                                                                                                   | Green                                                                                                                        | Green                                                                                                                                                                                                            | White                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8.00 am                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9.15 am                                                                                                                                                  | <b>9.15am</b><br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>COTTISFORD<br>AG<br><br><b>9.15am</b><br>Morning Service<br>FINMERE<br>Lay-led                                                                                                                           |                                                                                              | <b>Holy Communion</b><br>with hymns (CW)<br>HETHE<br>VM<br><br><b>9.15am</b><br>Morning Service<br>FINMERE<br>Lay-led                                                                   | <b>Holy Communion</b><br>with hymns (CW)<br>FINMERE<br>AG<br><br><b>Mixbury Half Hour</b><br>PW                              | <b>Holy Communion</b><br>with hymns (CW)<br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>VM<br><br><b>Morning Service</b><br>HETHE<br>PW                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10.45 am                                                                                                                                                 | <b>10am</b><br>'Food for Thought'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>Lay-led<br><br><b>10.45am</b><br>Harvest Festival<br>FRINGFORD<br>PW<br><br><b>11am</b><br>Harvest Festival<br>MIXBURY<br>AG/Bishop Gavin<br><br><b>11.30am</b><br>Harvest Festival<br>NEWTON PURCELL<br>LW |                                                                                              | <b>Holy Communion</b><br>with hymns (BCP)<br>for Harvest<br>COTTISFORD<br>AG<br><br><b>Morning Service</b><br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>VM<br><br><b>Evening Communion</b><br>STOKE LYNE<br>AG | <b>10.45am</b><br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>FRINGFORD<br>LW<br><br><b>4pm</b><br>'Fun @ Four'<br>STOKE LYNE<br>AG | <b>10.45am</b><br>Holy Communion<br>with hymns (CW)<br>STOKE LYNE<br>VM<br><br><b>5pm</b><br>Harvest Festival<br>FINMERE<br>LW<br><br><b>6pm</b><br>Evensong with the<br>Shelswell Group Choir<br>HARDWICK<br>PW | <b>10.45am</b><br>Benefice Service of<br>Holy Communion (CW)<br>FINMERE<br>AG<br><br><b>4pm</b><br>Commemoration of the<br>Departed<br>FRINGFORD<br>PW |
| 6.00 pm                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Compline</b><br>STRATTON AUDLEY<br>AG                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                        |
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